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Congratulations
class of **2016**



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear University of the Pacific Class of 2016,

Congratulations! You have earned your degree! You've met every challenge and overcome every obstacle to get to this happy day. Your degree will open many doors to you throughout your life, and the education it represents will help you build the future of your dreams.

I couldn't be prouder of you, and of everyone who helped you in your success. I am proud of our hardworking graduates, proud of our world-class faculty, proud of our remarkable staff. On behalf of everyone at your alma mater, I thank every member of the class for your important contributions to the Pacific experience.

Parents and families, this is a special weekend for you as well. You get to celebrate with your students as they accomplish a major milestone in their lives. Know that you have also become lifelong Pacificans during your students' studies. You will always have a home here at Pacific.

Class of 2016, you are setting out on your next chapter at a remarkable time. Recent headlines have declared that job growth for newly minted college graduates is very strong. This is an exciting time of change and possibility.

Today's world is complex, fast-paced and dynamic. It demands critical minds, ethical hearts and a willingness to work together. Fortunately, the education you received at University of the Pacific has prepared you

to thrive in this world, and to make a positive difference. Everything we do here at Pacific has this goal in mind, from the professor doing fieldwork with her students, to the gardener tending the immaculate grounds, to the public safety officer who helps a student properly lock his bike. Everything we do is for our students. Everything we do is for this day, when hundreds of Pacific graduates leave the University ready to change the world.

In the coming years, you are going to meet people who think change is unlikely or even impossible. But a University of the Pacific graduate knows a thing or two about a Good Society.

How will you take what you've learned at Pacific and use it to make this world a brighter place? How can you — with your intelligence and your integrity and your strength and your education — how can you make a difference?

From here on out, the world you get will be the one you make. And I know you can make it a finer one for all.

Have a wonderful Commencement! I cannot wait to see the amazing things you do in the coming years.

Warmly,

Pam Eibeck
President

Pacific Hail!

From o'er the rugged mountains standing high;
From out the broad low valleys, 'neath the sky;
Our alma mater calls, We cannot fail,
Our voices blend in praise, Pacific Hail! Pacific Hail!

Long may her flaming torch give out its light;
Long may her spirit guide us in the right;
To her we pledge our hearts, We dare not fail;
To her we raise our song,
Pacific Hail! Pacific Hail!

Fight Song

Come on you hungry tigers
fight - fight - fight
Let's win the game you tigers
fight - fight - fight
See the tigers breaking through,
After goals, we'll get them too

Fighting for UOP, We're after victory
So hail, oh hail the orange and the black
See those banners gleam
We'll shout for lame,
Cause we'll win the game!
We're the fighting tiger
We're the fighting tiger
We're the fighting tiger team!

A guide to Commencement and various Graduations



Don't miss out on all of the Commencement festivities!

Pacific Media Relations

Swaja Khanna OPINION EDITOR

The day is finally here! On Saturday, May 14, 2016, the class of 2016 will officially graduate from University of the Pacific! Not sure where to go? Use this guide to find your way around campus for the different ceremonies and events!

Commencement

The University-wide Commence-

ment ceremony will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at Alex G. Spanos Center. Each school will have their diploma and hooding ceremony at different times during the day. This is the only graduation event that requires tickets to enter, so be sure to request some from the graduate you're cheering on!

College of the Pacific and University College

The College of the Pacific and University College Diploma and Hooding Ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Eberhardt School of Business

The Eberhardt School of Business Diploma and Hooding Ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016, on Knoles Lawn.

School of International Studies

The School of International Studies will have their Diploma and Hooding Ceremony at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016, in Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

School of Engineering and Computer Science

The School of Engineering and Computer Science will be having their Diploma and Hooding Ceremony at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at

Knoles Lawn.

Conservatory of Music

The Conservatory of Music will be having their Diploma and Hooding Ceremony at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016, in Faye Spanos Concert Hall.

Benerd School of Education

The Benerd School of Education will be having their Diploma and Hooding Ceremony at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

The Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences will be having their Commencement Ceremony at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at the Alex G. Spanos Center. Pharmacy, physical therapy and speech-language pathology students will walk across the stage and be hooded and recognized for their outstanding achievements!

Advisor Editorial: Déjà vu, half a century later...



Sarah Yung

Advisor Dave Frederickson with former Editor-in-Chief Ruben Dominguez

Dave Frederickson PACIFICAN ADVISOR

That's right! As the late, great Yogi Berra might say: "It feels like déjà vu all over again!"

Fifty years ago this week, I sat down in front of my portable Smith Corona typewriter to write my last editorial for the Pacific Weekly. Today, I find myself iPhone in hand, composing my farewell thoughts as the Faculty Advisor for the past decade of that same newspaper, now dubbed The Pacifican. Little could anyone have imagined or predicted (least of all me) the course of events which would bring me full circle, back to this truly ironic "Milestone Moment."

On that day, 50 years ago, it seemed the Pacific Weekly had enjoyed a banner year. After all, we had been honored by the Overseas Press Club/Columbia University's 8th Annual College Editors Conference for Best World Coverage by a college weekly in America for our treatment of the United Nations' 20th anniversary. The California Legislature had passed a resolution recognizing us for that accomplishment. One of our section editors, Chris Leave, was President-Elect of the California Intercollegiate Press Association. And, the paper was robust enough to announce it would go twice weekly in the fall (hence the name change to The Pacifican).

Admittedly, we enjoyed some advantages unavailable to the current staff. First and foremost, we had a strong academic framework, with a number of journalism courses to choose from. We had a dedicated revenue stream, from a subscription fee embedded in the general student fee, and we had a healthy advertising base of local merchants.

Today, none of that holds true. The basic journalism courses have disappeared. The dedicated subscription fee has been absorbed

into the general student fee, and the local merchants have been largely displaced by the big national chain stores, which don't generally advertise in papers as small as The Pacifican.

All the more amazing, then, that today's Pacifican continues to thrive and survive as it looks forward to its 108th year of continuous publication!

Why then, with such challenges, make such an effort to continue a college newspaper, in these days of electronic media, 24/7 global news networks and Internet-based social media?

Because, according to readership

studies done by the highly respected Poynter Institute, college papers provide a unique, essential source of news and information to their campus readership. It's news and information the campus can use that is not readily available from other sources.

A vibrant, energized, engaged campus newspaper serves as a centerpiece of campus news and views.

Today's campus newspaper is an amazing hub of activity. It is simultaneously an experiential learning laboratory for aspiring students, a thriving small business (hopefully) and a vital voice in its campus community. In Pacific's case, a community of more than 6,000... Bigger than my hometown of Alpine, Texas, when I was a boy.

In recent years, much time, attention and discussion has been devoted to the "New Media," as is appropriate. Even so, the principles of sound journalism are as critical as ever, if not more so, today.

Strong editorial direction, oversight and judgment are more vital than ever. Responsible, objective, accurate, timely news reporting is in greater demand than ever. Moreover, the voracious appetite for content is greatly expanding the opportunity for future news producers, editors and content providers.

There has never been a more exciting time to be an aspiring journalist!

So, here I am, 50 years later, another Milestone Moment, as I bring to a close a decade of service to The Pacifican, as the paper successfully concludes 107 years of publication at

Pacific.

Amazing to consider that, between my time on staff and my time as Advisor, it's been a great pleasure and privilege to be associated with this paper for more than 10 percent of its entire record of service to the Pacific community!

It's been a great ride... And I'm proud to say, in both roles as Editor-in-Chief and as Advisor, we have been an award-winning newspaper. So once more, it is time to take my leave of this great old bastion of college journalism.

My very Best Wishes to future editors and staffers. May your service to The Pacifican bring you as much pleasure and satisfaction as it has to me.

Best Wishes, also, to my successor, the tremendously talented, effervescent and experienced journalist, Jennifer Torres Siders, who brings youth, energy and currency to The Pacifican as it moves forward to the next level!

This weekend, my wife Margaret and I look forward to our induction into the "Half Century Club" as, together with other members of the Class of 1966, we celebrate our 50th Class Reunion.

Best of all, through it all, Margaret has been my BFF and lifetime partner (and former Office Manager of the Pacific Weekly). May 11th marked our 53rd anniversary... How blessed we are.

And we are so grateful to Providence for it all, and for all of you, Pacificans past and present, as well as friends and colleagues who have made the journey so worthwhile. Go Tigers!



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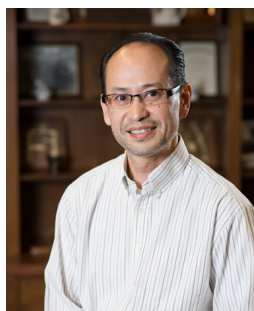
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Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry

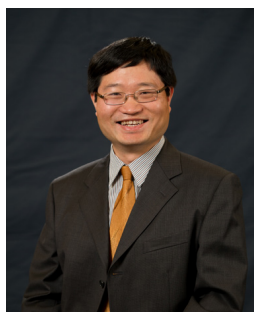
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Professor, Department Chair, Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry

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Xin Guo, PhD

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Reflections: A graduating senior muses on her memories and lessons learned at Pacific

Eilleen Le
SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

The time is here, and I can't believe we finally made it! Unlike most of my fellow classmates, my Pacific experience began a little later. I transferred here my sophomore year, and it was like going through another freshman year and starting all over.

While I was not forced to make friends and do community service on the MOVE trip or get bombarded by confetti at Convocation by the rest of the school, I felt the same nervousness and excitement we all felt going to a new school and not knowing where our classes were, to the same exhilaration we experience now.

Looking back and reflecting on the past few years, I immediately think of our Pacific community. Chances are, when we look back 10, 20 or 30 years later, we might not remember the definitions, equations or theories we had to memorize, but we will think

of the friends, relationships and memories we made that will last a lifetime.

Some of us may have chosen to come here because of a specific program offered, the proximity to home, the reputation or the natural beauty of the University (which of course, could not be achieved without the constant leaf blowing); whatever the reason, this was where we all grew into our adulthood together, and this is where we will always be Pacific Tigers.

Throughout this growing process, Pacific taught me that I can do anything and everything if I put my mind to it. I was able to be myself in multiple jobs and organizations on campus. I gained the confidence and perseverance to go after what I want and not give up.

Inside and outside of the classroom, I learned it is okay to ask questions and challenge beliefs. It is okay to have a voice and be a leader. In fact, it is encouraged.

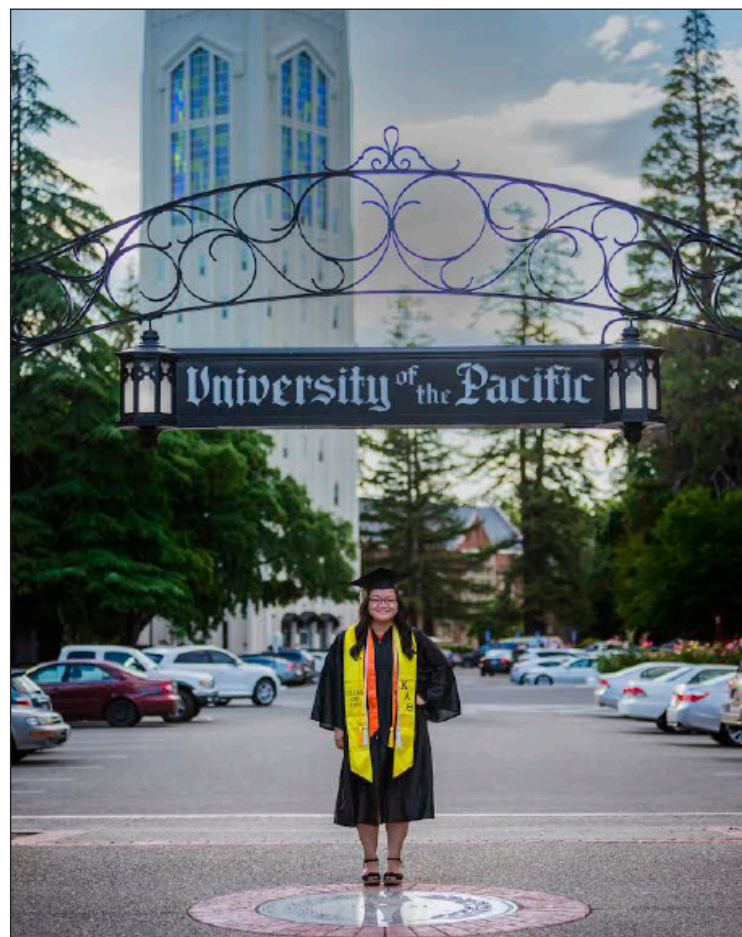
When it comes down to it, your experiences are

never simply about a class you took, what major you chose or what organizations you are affiliated with. The ideas we had, questions we asked, changes we made and historical moments we captured are what we are taking away with us as we leave. While Commencement will be the last time we all come together, the end of our time here is simply the beginning of a new journey.

Thank you to my professors who continually went out of their way to help me whenever I needed it. Thank you to my friends for being there for me and giving me many nights of fun and laughter. Thank you to my mom and dad for supporting me and giving me everything I needed to be successful during my college career.

While it is both nerve-racking and scary to think about entering the real world, I am excited for what is to come.

Congratulations, Class of 2016, we did it!



Eilleen Le
A graduate of the Eberhardt School of Business, Le proudly stands in front of the Pacific entrance gate.

Reflections: A freshman recalls her first impressions

Ashley Pham
STAFF REPORTER

The 2015-16 academic year is over now, and for me, my first year of college went by far too fast. For many of you, it is another closing of a chapter of your college experience. And for University of the Pacific, it was an eventful year.

Although I cannot evaluate the year as well as Pacific Review, the alumni magazine, I can tell you what I've seen change and develop on Pacific's Stockton campus.

I remember attending sporting events. For men's basketball, Pacific got its hands on Damon Stoudamire, who has 13 years of NBA experience, as the next head coach — an exciting appointment. There was an addition for women's soccer as well, as Kerri Scroope was named Pacific's new head women's soccer coach.

For tennis, the Eve Zimmerman Tennis Center was finally completed, featuring 12 new tennis courts.

Speaking of construction, we are still seeing it out in the fields for athletics, specifically soccer and field hockey. It's rumored that the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts, located across the bridge, will be replaced with residence halls. For those of you graduating, the campus might be new

and improved by the next time you visit.

There were monumental changes in our academic departments. An event that excited more than political science majors was Pacific's hosting of the U.S. Senate Debate. Engineering students sent a satellite up 100,000 feet this year. Benerd School of Education is in the process of selecting a new dean, with three candidates.

Lastly, the prestigious Powell Scholars of Pacific concluded their Verdevis project on microgreen growing systems, giving systems to a food bank and a middle school in Calaveras County.

Personally, I was given plenty of opportunities, one being a staff writer for The Pacifican. This year, I travelled to Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose and Oregon. I met amazing professors and can't wait to see who else I cross paths with. If you are graduating, I hope you are happy with the opportunities you took advantage of here at Pacific.

I took American Transcendentalism for PACS 002 (you'll miss those, right?), so I leave you with a quote by Henry David Thoreau: "What lies before us and what lies behind us are small matters compared to what lies within us."



Photos c/O Pacific Media Relations

Congratulations, Class of 2016! We made it!

Drew Jones
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Well, Class of 2016, we have finally made it. It is remarkable that the weary freshmen who set foot on campus for the first time just four years ago are the same people who are on their way to the next step in life, eager to make their marks on the world.

This weekend is an experience we have long been waiting for: graduation, a small step in our journeys at Pacific but a giant leap in our lives. While writing this editorial, I had the opportunity to reflect on what I have learned during my time here and how it has truly impacted me.

We have all learned several things in our experiences on campus: how essential a breakfast burrito from the UC is on a Saturday morning, how to adjust our nap schedules around the infamous leaf blowers and even how dreadful getting a parking ticket is. I, for one, have received a few too many (sorry, Mom!).

All jokes aside, Pacific has given us an education and an experience we will take with us for the rest of our lives. That horrendous bio lab practical, OPS exam or even that one assignment requiring public speaking all seemed scary at first, but you learned from those tough experiences and gained knowledge. But what makes the knowledge that we developed at Pacific so unique?

When reflecting, I found that Pacific gave us three very important gifts:

1) It taught us who we are. We had the ability to grow on our own and discover our own opinions and what values are truly important to us in life.

2) Pacific helped us figure out what we really want to do with our lives. Even though some of us changed majors two, maybe even three, times, without the trial and error of choosing classes and careers, we wouldn't have been able to realize what we're actually passionate about.

3) Pacific gave us each other. It all started when we were thrown on a camping trip and forced to bunk in tents with one another, but seriously our friendships with our roommates, hall mates, classmates, teammates, brothers and sisters have blossomed and grown into lifelong relationships, and we have Pacific to thank for that.

When you step out into what everyone calls the "real world," and you find yourself "adulting," you may look back at your college experience from time to time. What

will stand out most to you? You may not remember the long stressful all-nighters or how hard it was to balance everything from classes to all the extracurriculars, but you will remember the people. You will remember the people who made sure you stayed awake during your all-nighters. You will remember the people with whom you laughed all day and danced all night. You will remember the people who gave you a shoulder to cry on and a hug when you really needed it. Most importantly, you will remember the people who showed you what true friendship is.

For me, I never thought I would be writing an editorial in the final issue of 2016, signing off for the last time. I never expected I would be here, pursuing journalism and a career in sports broadcasting.

I came to Pacific with the intention of being a biology major and pursuing a life of medicine. Halfway through freshman year, I changed my mind and felt I would be better suited to a different profession. I started writing for The Pacifican my freshman year as a hobby, and soon after it became my duty. The obstacles, people and opportunities we come across that completely change our minds and our hearts are the most interesting of all.

My advice to you is to embrace change and allow it to influence you. Without a subtle change in my own life, I would not have found a way to channel what I am truly passionate about. It is said that if you do what you love, you will never work a day in your life.

Some of us learned the importance of hard work in the classroom, while others learned how valuable our connections with others are. Nevertheless, we all gained those three very important gifts from Pacific, and our lives will be forever changed.

So, Class of 2016, our time at Pacific has come to an end, but graduation day is the first day of the rest of our lives. I will leave you with a lasting piece of advice: Take advantage of every opportunity, give your all in everything you set out to do and lastly, always remember those who have helped you get to where you are. Once a Tiger, always a Tiger.

Pacificanly,

Drew Jones
Editor-in-Chief

CONGRATULATIONS to the CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC CLASS OF

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EBERHARDT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



We salute the Eberhardt School of Business students who will cross the stage today to receive their Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, Dual Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Master of Accounting Degree, and the Master of Business Administration Degree.

Congratulations, Eberhardt School grads. We know you'll make us proud!

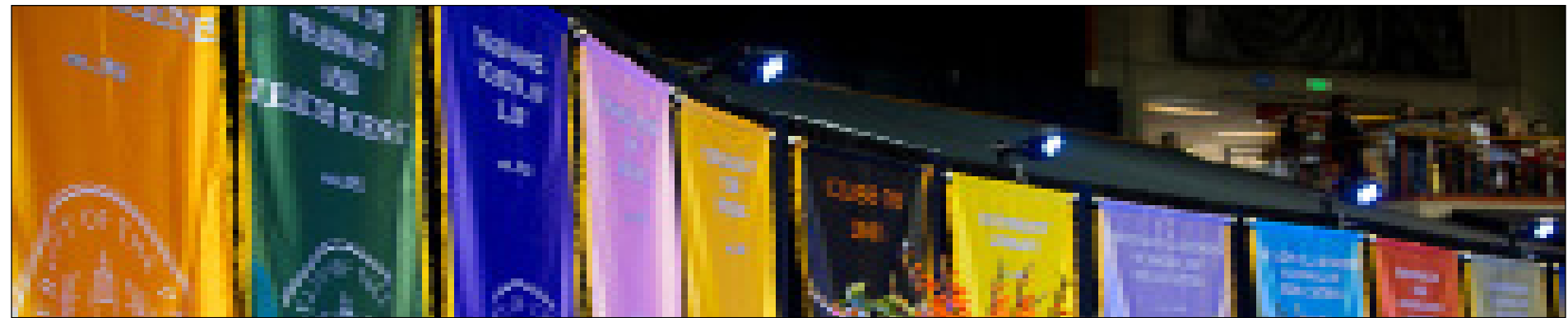
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Banner year: Learn about each school's banner



Pacific

Alex Rooney
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Students, parents and faculty, as you sit amidst all of the pomp and circumstance that is the annual Commencement ceremony in the Alex G. Spanos Center this weekend, take the time to look up onto the main stage and behind the speakers. Behind the outstanding men and women who will grace that stage is an array of colorful banners, displaying the names and colors of each of the individual schools that make up our incredible University.

Each of these banners is symbolic, and though they all bear the University's seal, they are otherwise unique to the specific discipline they represent. Before being displayed on stage, the banners will enter the facility preceding the faculty from the department they symbolize.

So, why do the banners look they way they do? Here's a quick guide to understanding and recognizing each individual banner.

College of the Pacific: The College of the Pacific houses both science and liberal arts studies; thus, this banner incorporates both disciplines. The sciences are represented by the gold field in this banner. Combined with the arts and letters, it forms the foundation of the liberal arts programs offered in the central division of the University.

An emblem of a torch symbolizes the lamp of knowledge, which served as a predecessor to the Mace in the seal of the University.

Because the Methodist Church played a central role in the founding of the college in 1851, the emblem also contains a cross.

University Library: An important part of every student's career here on campus, the library symbolizes knowledge and wisdom, and so the banner's emblem depicts a key and a book.

The banner's lemon yellow background represents the library science discipline. Since its founding in 1851, the Library's faculty and staff have served all academic areas of the University.

Conservatory of Music: The Conservatory's banner uses a pink field, which is the accepted color for all disciplines relating to music.

The emblem is a contemporary graphic of a musical symbol, which was developed in 1987 to symbolize new directions for the Conservatory.

Founded in 1878, Pacific's Conservatory of Music is the oldest University-affiliated conservatory in the West.

Dugoni School of Dentistry: The lilac field represents the school of Dentistry. The emblem is the dental caduceus surrounded by a triangle that represents the three corners of Dentistry's program: education, research and service.

McGeorge School of Law: The McGeorge School of Law is represented by the deeper purple color of law. The school's logo contains a law book and judicial column, which symbolizes the study and practice of the program.

Gladys L. Benerd School of Education: The light blue field of this banner signifies the disciplines related to education. The school's emblem is a depiction of a lamp of learning.

The Gladys L. Benerd School of Education has been creating new teachers since the school was founded in 1924 when the University moved to Stockton.

Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences: The green colors of the pharmacy profession form the field for this school's banner.

The green of pharmacy surround the TJJ emblem, the bowl of Hygieia. Hygieia was the Greek goddess of health and is the traditional emblem of pharmacy. The banner's symbol is an adaptation of the official emblem of the American Pharmaceutical Association, which is an updated version of the bowl of Hygieia. The School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Pacific was founded in 1955.

Research and Graduate Studies: This banner incorporates the elements of the arts and letters and sciences with the University's colors of orange and black, also displaying a portion of the University seal.

A formal organization of Research and Graduate Studies was established in 1956, though graduate degrees were offered early in the history of the University.

School of Engineering and Computer Science: An orange field encompasses the symbol that reflects the school's major areas of study. All four areas of

engineering are represented: A wheel represents mechanical engineering, a bridge symbolizes civil engineering and the figure in the center signifies the combined fields of electrical and computer engineering.

Though the department dates back to the 1930s, the School of Engineering and Computer Science was not officially founded until 1958.

Eberhardt School of Business: Beige, representing business, serves as the banner's background.

Years ago, students competed to select the school's emblem when the school was renamed in honor of Robert M. Eberhardt, the Eberhardt family and the Bank of Stockton in

1955 as a thank you for their generous support of the University.

School of International Studies: The gold and white of this banner once again illustrates the arts, letters and sciences.

The blue globe exhibits the programs' international nature, which includes study abroad opportunities in over 100 locations.

Each banner may represent only one school or group of programs, but together, they make up the diverse rainbow of our University, reminding us that regardless of our individual fields of study, we are all members of the greater Pacific community.

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PRESIDENTS OF THE YEAR



Xiaodi Li & Ricardo Ramos

Biomedical Engineering Society
& Circle K International
Xiaodi was the hardworking and devoted president for the University of Pacific's Circle K who won RSO of the year! Ricardo is the founder and president of the University of the Pacific's Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES). He is not pictured.

RSO OF THE YEAR



Circle K International

Circle K International truly deserves to be recognized for this award because it made a strong long lasting impact in not only the Stockton community but all around California. This year, Circle K International surpassed all the goals that were set by the 2015-2016 board members.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR



Jessica Matias

Phi Epsilon Kappa
Jessica has grown to be the back bone of our great organization. As historian, she drastically increased Phi Epsilon Kappa's publicity and attention on social media. Jessica was elected vice president, a position that is held in high regard in PEK.

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR



Joel Lohr

The Muslim Student Association
Joel Lohr is the advisor for The Muslim Student Association. He has continuously made effort to aid their organization and students in a variety of means. In addition to his support during MSA events prep and planning, he has made sure that all members are always the best they can be.

EDUCATIONAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

PHILANTHROPY EVENT OF THE YEAR

Circle K International



The Pacifican announces Staff Awards for 2015-16



Pacifican Editors years past and present.

Hector Moncada



2016 End of the Year Awards Dinner.

Dave Frederickson

Pacifican Award Winners

Sarah Yung:
Thomas O. Boren Award
(Outstanding Senior Staff Member)

Drew Jones:
Distinguished Service Award
(2012-2016)

Ash Randhawa and Alex Rooney:
Staffmark Award
(Outstanding Junior Staff Member)

Zachary Withrow:
Trent Allen Award (Outstanding
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Andrew Rocha:
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2016 Commencement Speaker: Kate Moses '84

Drew Jones
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Four years ago, we accepted our invitations to University of the Pacific and eagerly transitioned into college via our first momentous event, Convocation. Fast-forwarding to this weekend's activities, we are now transitioning out of college and into the "real world" with Commencement. Commencement is a University-wide ceremony, which allows for recognition of student leaders, faculty and alumni and of course showcases various speeches. This year's Commencement address will be given by Pacific alumna Kate Moses '84, a renowned author. Moses graduated from Pacific with honors, majoring in English with a

concentration in women's studies and art history. A native of San Francisco, Moses is excited to return to her alma mater and share her experiences and advice with the student body. "With her writer's eye, Kate encapsulates what makes Pacific special: the strong connection between faculty and students, the heartfelt investment faculty make in their students, the difference this University can make in a life," expresses President Pamela Eibeck. "It will be a tremendous opportunity for our graduates to be able to reflect on their Pacific experiences through hers." After graduating from Pacific, Moses went on to become an editor of fiction, poetry and nonfiction at Berkeley's North Point Press,

working with successful authors. She quickly climbed the ladder, and within five years Moses became the senior acquisition editor. She also earned her Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing from San Francisco State University. Additionally, Moses authored books of her own, like her internationally acclaimed book, "Wintering: A Novel of Sylvia Plath." This novel has been published in 15 languages and earned her the 2003 Janet Heidinger Kafka Prize for fiction by an American woman. Moses now resides in Essex, New York and teaches creative writing and literature at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. She also is working as the co-editor of the university's literary



Jerry Bauer
Author Kate Moses '84 looks forward to speaking at her alma mater.

journal, Saranac Review. Moses is sure to have some exceptional, inspiring tidbits to share at Commencement. She is living proof that you can achieve all you set out to do after graduating from Pacific.

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NEWS

Bernie Sanders holds rally in Stockton

Ash Randhawa
NEWS EDITOR

On Tuesday, March 10, Democratic hopeful Bernie Sanders arrived in Stockton, California to hold a rally. Thousands attended the rally and showed enthusiastic support for the potential nominee.

Bernie Sanders, a long-time senator from Vermont, entered the race for the Democratic nomination for president. He is facing former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for the nomination. Sanders faces great opposition, as many doubt he could ever land the nomination. He is a self-described Democratic socialist, and many see Hillary as the obvious nomination to succeed Barack Obama.

However, Sanders was able to rally a grassroots movement within the Democratic voting base, which saw him becoming a potentially viable nominee for president. A lot of support for Sanders has come from young, college-aged voters, who have become disillusioned with the current political situation.

“I originally wanted Bernie to win because he was actually arguing for change. Hillary just felt like she’d keep things the same,” commented Jason Wong ‘18.

Indeed, Sander’s portrayal as an unorthodox candidate is emblematic of a presidential race where controversial figure Donald Trump went from being a laughingstock to the only nominee for the Republican party.



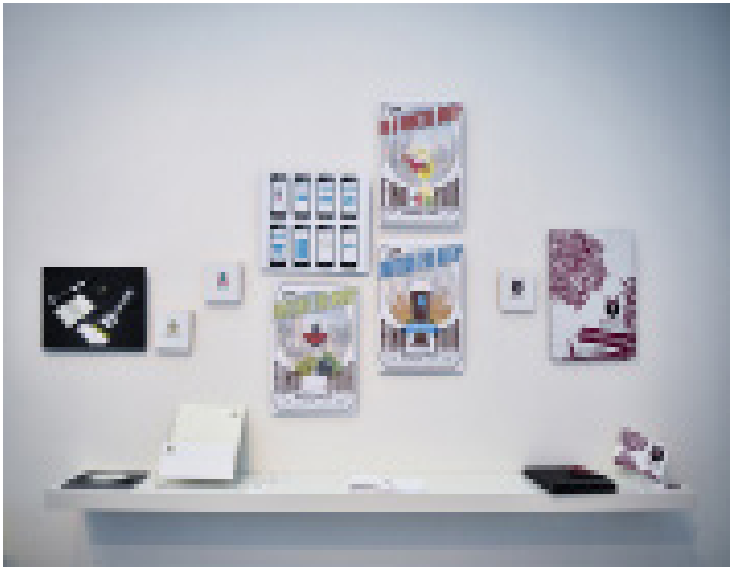
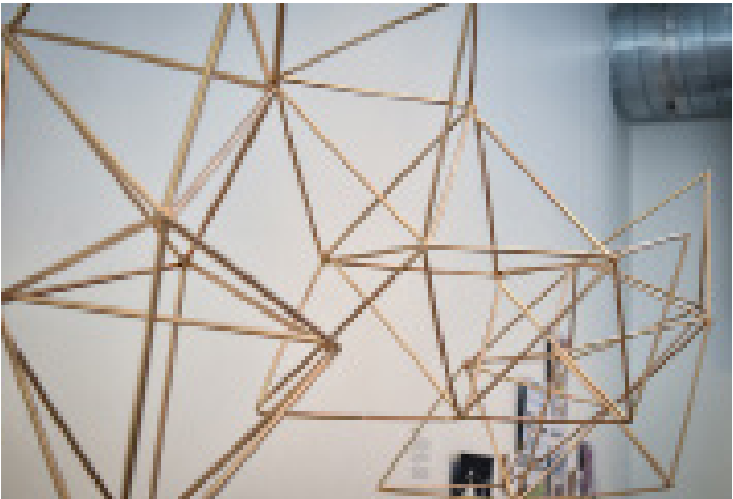
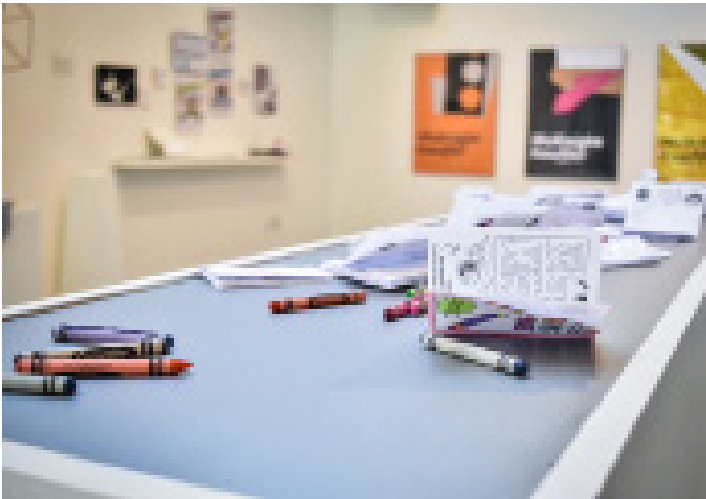
Sanders delivers rallies in Sacramento and Stockton.

Reuters

Despite Sander’s apparent popularity and even a few primary wins in certain states, Hillary has been leading the delegate count for some time now. Because of this, many are worried that Bernie will not be the nominee, but some still believe.

“Everyone said he wouldn’t make it this far, but he did. I have faith he can pull it off,” Ryan Chen ‘18 enthused.

Senior Art Exhibition at Reynold’s Gallery



Photos c/o Edna Rush

Public Safety



Weekly Report
May. 1 - May. 7

Arrest
Monterey & Commerce 05.01.16
Officers made contact with a subject at 4:21 a.m. who had an outstanding warrant. He was arrested and booked into the County Jail.

Arrest
Caldwell Park 05.02.16
Officers made contact with a subject in the park at 12:49 a.m. who had an outstanding \$50,000 warrant. The subject was booked on the warrant.

Arrest
Pershing & Brookside 05.02.16
Officers stopped a vehicle for traffic violations; upon contacting the driver, officers determined the driver was operating under the influence. CHP responded to process the driver, who was then booked.

Casualty
Janssen Lagorio Gym 05.03.16
Officers responded to a call of a subject who injured their ankle. Upon arrival, the subject declined medical assistance. A report was filed.

Disturbance
Burns Tower 05.04.16
The driver of a vehicle was upset with a passenger who refused to exit his vehicle. Officers mitigated the confrontation.

Vandalism
Off Campus 05.04.16
The victim reports someone damaged the windshield of his vehicle somewhere off campus.

Arrest
Monterey & Kensington 05.04.16
Officers made contact with a subject who had an outstanding warrant. He was arrested and booked into the County Jail.

Casualty
Powell Art Center 05.04.16
The subject accidentally cut their leg. Officers transported the subject to Cowell Health Center for treatment.

OPINION

Campus newspapers versus internet publications



Huffington Post

Andrew Rocha
STAFF REPORTER

On every first page of The Pacifican, in big, bold letters, it reads: “The Pacifican University of the Pacific’s Newspaper Since 1908.” The Pacifican

has been around for quite sometime and will hopefully retain its campus presence for years to come.

However, The Pacifican is not the only place for students to get their voices and opinions published, as

there are now online sites that give students the opportunity to write articles and share them with their friends and peers.

This includes websites like The Odyssey Online and HerCampus. With more students writing for online publications, what appeal does The Pacifican have?

First off, full disclosure: I write for both The Pacifican and The Odyssey Online, I enjoy writing for both and I plan to continue to do so in the future. That being said, I doubt online publications will in any way weaken The Pacifican’s team of writers and editors.

In fact, I think The Pacifican and online publications are different enough to attract different writers and readers.

The Pacifican is about University of the Pacific and is meant for Pacific students. The articles are about events that relate to Pacific. The Pacifican is thus a force that unites Pacific and informs students about the events on campus and the opinions of their fellow students.

Many Pacific students do not have much time to learn about everything occurring around campus, and The Pacifican makes it convenient and efficient for students to stay informed. All you have to do is walk over to the many orange bins conveniently located around campus and grab the latest issue of The Pacifican!

Online publications like The Odyssey Online and HerCampus are much different. These publications allow students to write about whatever they feel like writing about; whether it relates to their school is not a factor. Many of these publications allow students to publish their work all year long, including during school breaks. And if anything, these publications, like The Pacifican, provide students with more experience in writing and journalism.

In my opinion, The Pacifican and other online publications should promote one another to give students the best opportunities available to them. After all, that is what is most important.

Should there ever be a “unanimous” MVP?

Ash Randhawa
NEWS EDITOR

Tuesday, May 10, the Golden State Warriors’ point guard Stephen Curry was named the NBA’s Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row.

As much as the award is deserved, the most noteworthy aspect was that the vote was unanimous. This was unprecedented, as there has never been a unanimous MVP in the history of the National Basketball Association.

This has caused some discussion on whether there should be such a thing as “unanimous” MVP.

The NBA first awarded the MVP award in the 1955-1956 season. Originally, the MVP was decided by the players, but since the ‘80-’81 season, sportswriters and broadcasters in the U.S. and Canada have decided the vote.

Each person votes for first place through fifth place, with a first place vote

being worth 10 points.

This means that all 121 voters thought Curry deserved the first place vote. The only players to ever come close to such an achievement were Shaquille O’Neal after leading the Lakers to the championship as well as being the top scorer in the league, and LeBron James in 2013 when he lead the Miami Heat to their second consecutive championship against the San Antonio Spurs. Both Shaq and LeBron were short by only one vote.

Some have argued that there should never be a unanimous MVP, as doing so would ruin the purity of the game.

Most famously, Ken Griffey Jr. was not voted unanimously for this reason in Major League Baseball. It was argued that he was guaranteed to get MVP, so the vote should have gone to someone else.

But regardless of any

“purity” of the game, I believe unanimous MVP should be allowed to happen. Nothing should bar a player from receiving their due praise if they are deserving of it. And Steph Curry has proved he is more than deserving of being the unanimous MVP.

He helped lead Golden State to their first championship in 40 years against a LeBron-led Cleveland Cavaliers.

During the 2012-13 NBA season, Curry set the regular season record for three-pointers with 272. He then surpassed that record in 2014-15 with 286 and then again this season with 402. He didn’t just beat his own record; he demolished it.

Additionally, he and Klay Thompson set the NBA combined three-pointer record with 484 in 2013-14 and broke it in the two years after that, raising the record to 525 and then to 678.



NBA

He leads the league in scoring and is a member of the 50-40-90 club. For those who do not know, this means that Curry had a field goal percentage of at least 50 percent (a field goal is any shot in basketball that is not a free throw), landed at least 40 percent of his three-pointers and has a 90 percent free throw percentage.

Not only that, Curry led the Warriors to a regular season win-loss record of 63-9. This was the most wins in a season in NBA history. The previous record of 62-10 had been set by Michael Jordan

and his legendary Chicago Bulls.

Curry has already proven himself to be the greatest shooter in NBA history and one of the greatest of all time. There is an active discussion on whether he is the greatest of all time, above Kobe, LeBron and even Jordan.

Curry proved he was the MVP this season, and his stats have only proven he was the unanimous MVP. Calling someone a unanimous MVP doesn’t dilute the game in any way; it merely bestows the recognition a player deserves.

LIFESTYLES

Grand grads: Class up your graduation attire!



Ashley Pham
STAFF REPORTER

For many Pacific seniors, graduation has been the only thing on the mind for the past week or longer. Beneath the stoles and cords representing your college accomplishments and affiliations, what will you wear under your black cap and gown?

Jessie George and Matthew Banes know what they will be wearing on their last day. Jessie, who will be graduating as a third-year self-design major, will be donning different textures and prints underneath her gown. She is wearing a white lace tank top, paired with a gorgeous



Photos c/o Ashley Pham

floral skirt. George will also be standing tall in a pair of nude heels. For the ladies especially, it is essential to select footwear that is both fitting for the occasion and comfortable enough to last through the graduation ceremony. But that's not all Jessie will be wearing: She will be adorned with stoles from Kappa Alpha Theta, Theta Alpha Phi, Pacific Humanities Scholars and Residential Life & Housing.

Your graduation cap is one accessory you shouldn't forget on graduation. George is planning on decorating hers with a gold border and sequins to resemble a kite. Then, a quote that captures her college experience: "Here's to the nights that turned into mornings, friends that turned into family, dreams that turned into reality."

George expressed that Pacific was her home for three years and that it'll surely be missed, but she will be moving to Boston to attend graduate school at Northeastern University. Though a lover of

travel, George will be studying college student development & counseling.

Matthew Banes, a fourth-year theatre arts major with two minors, is sporting quite the sleek look for graduation. His outfit provides a perfect contrast, even under the black graduation cap and gown. Banes is wearing a black dress shirt, black belt, gray dress pants and Kenneth Cole dress shoes. The focal point of his outfit, though, is his floral Stafford tie (which only cost him a penny). For the guys, the tie is really the accessory to experiment and be bold with. In addition, Banes will be donning a Beta Theta Pi stole.

After graduation, Banes is lining up to work onboard shows on cruise ships. This career path is no surprise for someone who studied abroad in Italy for two months. Overall, Matthew had the opportunity to foster great relationships that will carry on past college. As for many graduates, Pacific will always be a home to Banes.

SPORTS

SPRING SPORTS RECAP

Pacific's spring sports had both highs and lows

Zach Withrow
SPORTS EDITOR

Our spring Tiger athletes are wrapping up another eventful season full of highs, lows and everything in between.

As always, all of Pacific's athletes did the University proud by sacrificing their time and bodies in order to represent Pacific on the highest levels of collegiate competition.

In recognition of these athletes' efforts, let's take a look at some of the notable aspects of each of the spring sports' seasons.

At the brand new Eve Zimmerman Tennis Center, the women's tennis team finished their season with a 7-12 overall record, going 2-7 in-conference, and unfortunately fell to last place in the WCC.

It was not all bad news to end the year, though, as Viktoriya Dzyuba '19 and Anneros Nederstigt '19 both received All-WCC honors,

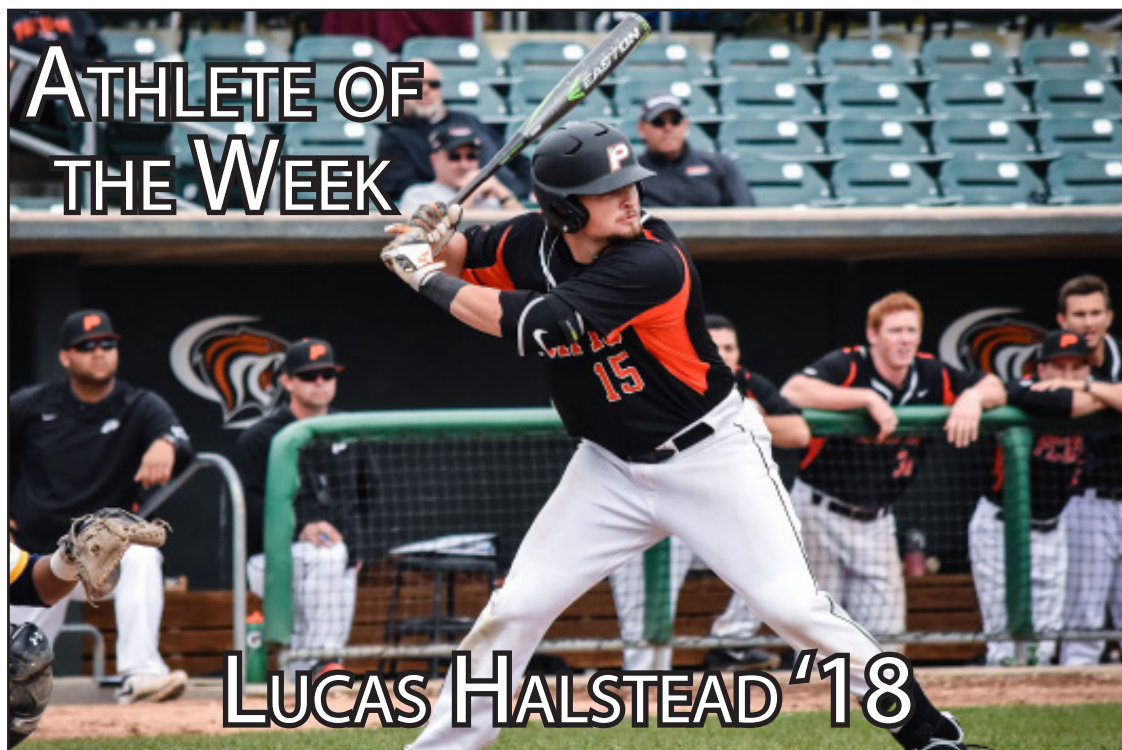
proving that the future of the program is in good hands with the talented freshmen.

The No. 67 men's team, meanwhile, finished the regular season with a 6-3 record, which put them in a tie for third place in the WCC.

Pacific ended up falling in the quarterfinals of the WCC Championships. The Tigers received plenty of honors for their successful season; Coach Ryan Redondo earned WCC Coach of the Year honors while Sem Verbeek '16 was named the WCC Player of the Year.

Verbeek, who went 18-2 in singles play, also shared All-WCC honors with doubles partner Jose Chamba '18. Verbeek continued to rack up awards from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, who awarded him Northwest Region Senior Player of the Year, Most Improved Senior and the Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



LUCAS HALSTEAD '18

Catcher Lucas Halstead '18 of the Pacific baseball team had an outstanding series in the designated hitter role during last weekend's series versus Santa Clara. In three games, Halstead hit .500 with five runs batted in, two runs scored, two walks and one huge home run. He currently holds a streak of seven straight games with an extra-base hit.

(Photo c/o Edna Rush)

The men's golf team competed in 10 tournaments this season, with their best showings being two different fourth place finishes: once at the Visit Stockton Pacific Invitational and once at the Del Walker Intercollegiate.

One of the best individual performances of the season came from Tyler Burnes '19, who shot a +1 at the Goodwin, hosted by Stanford.

Burnes finished tied for 13th among 138 competitors. Geoff Fry '17 and Matt Lee '16 also had standout performances; Fry finished tied for fifth at the Del Walker Intercollegiate and Lee finished fourth at the Pacific Invitational.

The No. 16 women's water polo team had a solid spring, going 16-17 overall and 6-1 in conference play.

In the GCC tournament, the Tigers beat Fresno Pacific and Cal Baptist to reach the championship game, but lost an absolute heart-breaker to No. 15 San Diego State, falling 9-10 in sudden death overtime.

Attacker Viktoria Szmodics '19 was awarded GCC Newcomer of the Year, and attackers Rachel Krieger '18 and Karolina Hlavata '18 received All-GCC honors.

The Pacific beach volleyball team finished their time on the sand with a 6-9 record.

The Tigers competed in the WCC Championships, where they lost to Saint Mary's and San Francisco. Lexi Elman '17 received All-WCC Second Team honors, while Kimmy Whitson '16, Mia Feiner '16, Alicja Wilk '16 and Andie Shelton '18 all received All-WCC Academic honors.

Pacific track and field had a very good season to build on; together the women broke at least one program record in six of the seven meets they competed in this season.

Top performers included Jasmine Jenkins '18, Lindsey Wourms '16, Becky Grabow '16 and Naomi Nunis '19.

The softball team finished their season yesterday against Loyola Marymount, and at the time of writing, they have a 19-26 overall record, going 2-10 in conference play.

Catcher Rachel Sellers '18 has had an outstanding year, hitting .370 with 28 runs batted in and six homers.

Infielder Nicole Zapotoczny '16 has been great as well, leading the team with 29 RBI and eight home runs.

First baseman Sydney Lahners '18 has hit .322 with 23 RBI and six home runs. Right-hander Marissa Young '18 has led the pitching staff, throwing 97 innings with a 2.96 ERA.

Out on the diamond at Klein Family Field, the

baseball team is still giving it their all for the last few games on the schedule. Going into this weekend's series against San Diego, the Tigers stand at eighth place in the WCC with a 19-26 overall record, 10-11 in-conference.

The offense has been led by power hitters Gio Brusa '16 and Danny Mayer '17. Brusa is hitting .329 with 38 RBI, 11 home runs and a .590 slugging percentage.

Mayer, meanwhile, is hitting .299 with 36 RBI, 13 homers and a .584 slugging percentage. Pitching-wise, right-hander Will Lydon '17 has eaten up the most innings at 79.1, recording a 4.42 earned run average in that span. The right-handed Jake Jenkins '16 has pitched 69.2 innings with a 3.23 ERA.

Overall, it is clear that Pacific has had a great season of spring sports. To those seniors who will be leaving us this year, we say congratulations, and thank you for all the time and effort you have put into making Pacific proud.

Gratitude is owed to the rest of the undergrad athletes, as well, as they continue to balance school and athletics to represent this great University. Until next year, go Tigers!

Good luck in your future endeavors, Tiger seniors!

Did you know?

Pacific was one of the founding

members of the West Coast

Conference in 1952 but left the

conference in 1971. Pacific's

move from the Big West to the

WCC in 2013 was just the end

of a 42-year hiatus!

ANOTHER HISTORIC YEAR...

2015-16 Year in Review

From summer to spring and everything in between, take a look back at all of Pacific's top headlines, biggest stories and most unforgettable moments over the academic year.

California faced historically large wildfires



The San Bernardino fire proved difficult to control.

NBC

Ash Randhawa
NEWS EDITOR

"California is burning." These stark words summarized the feelings of any who saw the horrifying pictures of destroyed homes and forests engulfed in flames. In September, three separate fires broke out in Butte, Napa, Sonoma and Lake Counties, as well as Sierra National Forest. These blazes were some of the worst in California history.

2015 and 2016 marked the fourth year of California's historic drought. The lack of rainfall left large swaths of Northern California dry enough to start fires. The fire season of 2015 had been particularly chaotic.

Daniel Berlant, Cal-Fire's chief information officer, reported they had responded to over 16,000 separate instances during that season. In addition to a greater number of fires, the flames were larger and more difficult to control. Larger and more frequent fires put a strain on fire departments' ability to respond adequately to contain them.

This all came to a head when three separate fires

grew out of control on Friday, Sept. 11. The Butte, Valley and Sierra fires raged across hundreds of acres of dry forest and brush. The Sierra fire, as of Sept. 9, 2015, was larger than the entire area of San Francisco, at 140,000 acres. As of Monday, Sept. 14, the Valley fire had burned 62,000 acres, and the Butte fire had destroyed over 71,000 acres.

In an attempt to control the fires, firefighters came from across Northern California. Even firefighters from the Los Angeles Fire Department were called up to aid local efforts.

Over 7,000 fire officials worked to contain the fires. Despite the influx of firefighters, the fires were not controlled easily.

The Sierra fire was announced to be 40 percent contained on Sept. 14. The Butte fire was similarly contained at 35 percent. Unfortunately, the Valley fire was particularly difficult to control, at only 10 percent containment in late September.

The effect of the fires was drastic. The LA Times reported that the Valley and Butte fires had displaced

23,000 people, destroyed over 700 homes and injured four fire officials. There had been one confirmed death from the fires as of September 2015. The Butte fire caused the evacuation of 6,000 homes. There were evacuation orders in Lake, Sonoma and Lake Counties. Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency.

By the end of 2015, CAL FIRE reported that 6,337 fires had started, which burned 307,598 acres, more than 1,000 square kilometers.

The National Interagency Fire Center reported that 2015 was the worst fire season since 2011, nationally.

It did not help that natural factors exacerbated the fires. No major wind events occurred to aid the officials in battling the blazes. The lack of rainfall made natural water resources for firefighters to use overwhelmingly limited.

As Northern California was engulfed in flames, officials warned that Southern California was no safer. They predicted that the seasonal Santa Ana winds would start fires in Southern California. The Santa Ana winds are hot and dry winds that blow up from Arizona and Nevada.

These winds have contributed to fires in the southern part of the state in the past, and officials warned that the winds could have ignited fires in Southern California. One shudders at the thought of raging fires across both ends of the state.

Clearly nature has the capability to increase the destruction the fires brought, but there was also a glimmer of hope from nature. Climatologists reported that 2015's El Niño rains could have been some of the largest on record. A historic amount of rainfall was exactly what the state needed to put out historically large wildfires and end the historically long drought.

Unfortunately, not all believed that the rain helped. Some scientists worried that the large amounts of moisture the pressure front would carry might lead to El Niño dumping all of its rain in the Pacific rather than the state itself. The existence of the Blob, an area of abnormally warm water travelling south through ocean currents, may have prevented El Niño from hitting the state.

While El Niño this year was stronger than average, it was not as powerful as scientists had hoped. This was somewhat expected, as the level of rainfall required to end the drought and make up for the lack of rainfall would have had to have been unprecedented.

Through the wildfires' destruction, people still had reason to hope. Ann Mazzaferro '10, a Pacific alumna who resided in Calaveras County during the fires, reported that people had been doing whatever they could to help those in need. She said at the time: "...We're asking each other, 'How are you? Are you safe? What do you need?' Donations have been coming in from all over the state, everything from

water, food, clothing and necessities to handmade cards to thank firefighters. People are throwing open their doors to give people a place to stay and working endless hours in kitchens to feed people. We have entire units of volunteers driving throughout the county with animal trailers to rescue and evacuate livestock, horses and pets. There really is no gift too small — I know people who work as face-painters and henna artists who are going to evacuation shelters to paint kids' faces and bring them a smile. ...People here are tough, honest, loving and generous. They will survive this, and we'll all be stronger for it." No words can describe the bravery and hard work the firefighters displayed in their battles against the wildfires and the volunteers displayed in the aftermath.

Here in Stockton, the effects of the fires were deeply felt. Many members of the community know people who live near the fires or were evacuated. Physically, we saw the effects as well. Plumes of smoke engulfed the sky the weekend of the original publication of this article. Late that Friday night, ash drifted to the ground.

"This kind of feels like the apocalypse is about to happen," said one Pacific student, Jason Wong '17. A four-year drought, fires the size of major metropolitan cities, ash falling like snow, thousands of people displaced: At the time, Wong's statement did not seem like much of an exaggeration.

Looking toward the future, this reporter commented: "Here's hoping the plumes of smoke will turn into water-filled clouds and the ashes into raindrops, and that the sun will soon rise over a California that has endured the natural disasters we currently face."

Luckily, rain brought salvation, and the fires were extinguished.

Sotomayor speaks to Advancing Women's Leadership



Photos c/o Pacific Media Relations

Jodi Tai
STAFF REPORTER

"A wise girl knows her limits; a smart girl knows that she has none."

This opening quote, first spoken by Marilyn Monroe, reverberated through the audience during last year's Advancing Women's Leadership Conference. On Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, in the Alex G. Spanos Center, Pacific proudly welcomed guest speakers Amy Purdy, Connie Rishwain '79 and 2015's keynote speaker, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

The Honorable Connie Callahan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit introduced our keynote speaker: Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor is the 111th Justice to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, the third female and the first of Hispanic heritage. She was born into poverty, diagnosed with childhood diabetes and had an alcoholic father who passed away when she was nine years old.

Defying conventionality as she spoke, Sotomayor spent the majority of her time away from the podium. Much to the anxiety of her security team, the Justice abandoned the stage, which was crowded with elegant tables of guests, and declared, "I'm going up there to talk to the kids."

As she made her way up the bleacher seats, Sotomayor shook hands with admirers and climbed the stairs of the stadium to greet high schoolers.

"It was important to me to have young people here," Sotomayor explained. "Many grow up the way I did. I understand the need for hope."

Sotomayor shared that she was fortunate enough to have had other women to look up to, which made her believe

she could attend college. Even though Sotomayor's mother had to work while other mothers were able to stay home, her mother's job presented Sotomayor with a glimpse of female empowerment. "Every leader in my mother's job was a woman," She beamed.

"When I was having my diabetes treated, I saw a woman doctor for the first time. I had living examples that gave me hope."

"It is important not to live in society's stereotypes."

"You might think you're poor so you can't succeed." She continued that perhaps people have a family member with an addiction, or, "maybe you're a female — or a little boy, it doesn't matter — or have a chronic disease. You can succeed. There is hope."

Sotomayor made a beeline for the high school students cheering in the nosebleeds. Among the schools present were Madison High, Bear Creek High and Franklin High School.

When asked by a high school senior to give a quote for the Latinas in the room, Sotomayor responded, "It is very cool to be Latina. You know why it's cool? We're beautiful. We're sexy. We're smart, and we can dance."

In discussing the value of believing in oneself, the Justice did not neglect to address moments of self-doubt. She shared an anecdote about the time she applied for an internship, stating that her dream was to become a federal district court judge. At the time, she was called naïve. "I stopped talking about my dream. At times, I stopped repeating it to myself."

In another instance of self-doubt, Sotomayor shared her anxieties during her Supreme Court nomination when negative opinions were openly deliberated. "It hurt so deeply, it shook my confidence,"

she related. She credits her friends with carrying her through those moments. Sotomayor encouraged her listeners to find friends who will comfort you, "then kick you in the behind." When asked what advice she would give to high school seniors, Sotomayor championed the importance of being a well-rounded person.

"Leaders are people who are interesting because they have passion about something," she said. "How do you get that capacity? In college. It's called a liberal arts education. Let yourself explore that you might like something you don't know."

When another audience member asked her what Justice Scalia was like, she answered, "He loves to sing. He tells great jokes. He's a good colleague." Sotomayor shared that all nine Justices always greet each other with a handshake.

She argued that to achieve success, one must not be afraid to seek help. "Too many people are ashamed of saying the words, 'I don't know.' That's a life secret: of being courageous to know when you don't know, and being courageous to ask for help. No one's born with anything. You have to grow into it!"

Sotomayor praised the importance of teachers. "If you talk to virtually every single successful person, there was a teacher. We have to be shown the way. Who does that better than teachers?" Sotomayor emphasized the significance of women being role models for other women. "I relied on men to be my mentors; there just weren't many women in leadership positions." Speaking as one of the nine most influential judges in the country, Sotomayor urged her audience to give back once they acquire roles of responsibility. "Don't forget where you came from."

Preceding Justice Sotomayor's address at the conference were Amy Purdy and Connie Rishwain '79. You may recognize Amy Purdy now as a model, dancer or the 2014 Paralympic bronze medalist for snowboarding, but her journey has not been an easy one.

At the age of 19, Purdy was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis with less than a 2 percent chance of survival. "I lost my kidney, hearing in my left ear and both my legs below the knee," Purdy recounted.

"My biggest loss would eventually become my biggest asset."

However, she continued, after attempting to snowboard with her new prosthetic legs, Purdy fell, sending her snowboard down the hill with her legs still attached to it. She decided to either let her situation stop her, or get creative — Purdy eventually designed a set of legs herself. Soon after, she started work, school, acting and modeling and founded Adaptive Action Sports, a nonprofit that provides opportunities for people with disabilities to get involved with active sports.

"My legs haven't disabled me. If anything, it has enabled me. They forced me to use my imagination. We can do anything. We can be anything. Look at [struggles] as blessings. They ignite our imagination. It's not about overcoming our obstacles. It's about using them."

Purdy joked that, unlike other women who have to find shoes that fit their feet, she could make her feet fit the shoes!

Next on the podium was Connie Rishwain '79, a graduate of Stockton's Stag High School and University of the Pacific. This inspirational Stocktonian was president of UGG Australia; under her leadership, UGG became a \$1.5 billion global premium

lifestyle brand. After 20 years, Rishwain stepped down as president to spend more time with her husband and two children. She was recently elected to Pacific's Board of Regents.

As Rishwain grew up, there was an expectation in "a big Greek family" for her to marry and raise children. "My father said you can do anything you want to do." She went on to make Uggs a household name.

"No one's going to hand you anything. Nothing's free. At the end of the day, people are going to remember how you treated them, and how you made them feel. Treat coworkers like family. Support other women."

Rishwain recounted how even other women would disapprove of her career: "Who feeds your baby when you're traveling?" People would ask her.

"Between my husband, mother and nanny, the kids were never in want of love," Rishwain responded. "I was judged, constantly defending myself for trying to make a living for my family."

"Women need to be advocates for other women." "Have a soul. All great brands have a soul; all great leaders have a soul."

Imparting her final bits of wisdom, Rishwain urged her audience, "Make many mistakes. Be humble. Find passion. Surround yourself with people who tell you, 'You can,' then work hard to do it."

It was a momentous day for Pacific to welcome such incredible women to speak on behalf of women's leadership. They serve as living proof, especially for women and girls, that despite medical setbacks, poverty and society's gender bias, ambitions can become realities.

Justice Sotomayor said it best in her personal mantra: "Mija, you can."

The cultural appropriation series

Ash Randhawa
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OPINION EDITOR

On April 7, 2016, Ashneil Randhawa '17 wrote an article on cultural appropriation, highlighting aspects of one of the most discussed topics of this year. Cultural appropriation, for those who don't know, is when a facet of one culture is taken and misused or used insensitively by someone of another culture.

Prominent examples are dreadlocks, associated with African American culture, worn by individuals not of African descent, or non-Native Americans wearing feather headdresses, which are regarded as highly respected or even sacred, as fashion items or Halloween costumes.

As Holi celebrations had just finished at UOP, there was an air of appropriation on campus, with some claiming that Holi celebrations are appropriations of Indian culture when done on college campuses. Randhawa personally didn't see Indian culture as being appropriated.

He was not offended when he saw a white girl wearing a bindi and sipping a chai latte while talking about the henna tattoo she got at Coachella. Nor was he offended when he saw a guy with a back tattoo

of Ganesha (the Hindu elephant god) or some Sanskrit phrase he saw on Facebook.

More than anything, Ashneil saw those examples as people celebrating a culture that he comes from. These instances, for him, are moments of cultural diversity, of his culture being shared and celebrated by those who may have never gotten to experience it otherwise.

To Randhawa, culture itself is fluid and dynamic. Or perhaps his own privilege is showing. Indians haven't had to face the struggles that African Americans and Native Americans have had to in this country's history.

Indians haven't had to face the prospect of their own culture being destroyed by another. Just because there are people walking around with Ganesha tattoos, doesn't necessarily mean he should get Jesus tattooed on his arm just because he liked His message.

But at the same time, Randhawa kept thinking of how culture itself, as a concept, constantly changes and interacts with those around it. It's hard to pin down exactly where the boundaries are. He believes that people should be able to do what they want as long as they are not physically harming anyone. It seems racist to him to put people into a box based on race and have that box determine what they can and cannot do.

Swaja Khanna
OPINION EDITOR

On April 17, 2016, I wrote a response to Ashneil's article on whether cultural appropriation was an issue or not. To me, cultural appropriation is quite real, and the line between appreciation and appropriation is a thin one.

When I was younger, one of my father's colleagues converted to Hinduism. She is white, and she changed her name to an Indian name after she converted. She spent many years traveling India, and many more years studying and understanding Hinduism.

If religious conviction was a competition, she would be winning. Her devotion to the Indian community and people is commendable. She volunteers when she's not working and tries her best to love her religion and culture, even though she wasn't born into it. That, to me, is cultural appreciation.

Cultural appropriation, on the other hand, is when people from another culture pick and choose parts they want from another culture. To me, cultural appropriation is when girls at festivals wear bindis (or the assortment of dots above their eyebrows) or when companies like American Apparel think it is okay to put one of my gods on a one-piece.

Cultural appropriation is Iggy Azalea in a Hindu wedding outfit in her "Bounce" music video, pretty

much gyrating on top of an elephant, and catering to viewers in the Western world through the "aesthetically pleasing" Festival of Colors shoot she did.

Cultural appropriation is when the culture of a group is "borrowed" from them, and often the people doing the borrowing don't understand the history, experiences or traditions behind the culture.

We should understand the history behind the culture, focusing on the reasons and traditions for everything. In most cultures, there are intricate and extensive reasons and stories behind each and every tradition.

For example, the bindi represents so much more than a pretty jewel or dot you just apply between your eyebrows. The bindi represents the third eye, through which we can gain knowledge beyond what is given to us in the mortal universe. Married women often wear it, and it is also a way to ward off bad luck. Bet you didn't know that when you were buying the colorful gems to sport at Coachella.

It is perfectly acceptable to enjoy someone else's culture and immerse yourself in the endless wealth of the world's cultures, but I would like to caution you to be sensitive while doing so. It's not a crime to appreciate someone's culture, but next time, think about whether it would look offensive in your profile picture and come across as appropriative.

Tapingo offers food delivery to Pacific's campus

Sarah Yung
COPY EDITOR

In fall 2015, Chipotle announced they'd soon begin delivering their responsibly sourced, Mexican-inspired food via Tapingo to University of the Pacific's Stockton campus, as well as to a number of other college campuses.

For many busy college students, it seemed like a dream come true.

Turns out the business deal was a dream for Chipotle, too. On the whole, Millennials thrive on convenience, a statistic Chipotle is evidently counting on. By making those filling burrito bowls, cheesy Quesarritos and the perfect guacamole that much more accessible to college students, we're more likely to establish habitual spending and a sense of brand loyalty with them, patronizing their company for the rest of our lives.

If that's true, however, why aren't more chains capitalizing on Pacific's on-campus demographic?

For one, the logistics could prove too tedious. A 2013 article in QSR (Quick Service Restaurants) Magazine reports that making a deal with universities involves taking into consideration current meal plan services, location and even a college's values and ideals.

Bon Appétit, Pacific's current meal plan provider, is a full-service food management company that emphasizes fresh, local, farm-to-table eating.

It should go without saying that Bon Appétit harbors no need or desire to branch out and partner with fast food chains or franchises, unlike food service contractors like Aramark or Sodexo.

Values like social responsibility and healthful eating are also becoming more and more prominent at colleges nationwide, prompting an examination of national fast food brands and their presence on college campuses. At University of Missouri, Marketing

Manager of Campus Dining Services Michael Wuest explains, "That's one of those conversations that usually comes up in the beginning. Their service model: Does that meet what our mission is? What are the values of the university, what are the values of our department, and are they aligned?"

Questions such as these can make any university's cautious administration quickly cease considering fast food expansion on campus.

Additionally, Pacific's pride in being a small campus may ultimately hurt its attractiveness to large chains — after all, we have neither the space nor the numbers necessary to justify, say, two Panda Expresses, one Chick-fil-A, two Papa John's, one Jamba Juice and two Subways, as University of Minnesota offers.

Pacific also does not have the space necessary to open new restaurants on campus, which could be seen as detrimental. Many



Her Campus
Tapingo offers delivery services from off-campus eateries too!

chains may wish to build new structures in line with their aesthetic and train employees themselves, as an on-campus franchise still represents the national brand.

While it doesn't look like Pacific will be opening any proprietary on-campus restaurants anytime soon, our University offers some excellent delivery options via Tapingo.

To generate buzz around delivery, Tapingo even offered truly tantalizing deals, like 50-

cent Double-Double burgers from In-n-Out.

For those of you hankering for a change from Pacific's on-campus dining services, fear not: Options abound. Tapingo now delivers from Chipotle, In-n-Out, T4 Tea for You, Panda Express, Five Guys Burgers & Fries, L&L Hawaiian Barbecue, Siamese Street Royal Thai Cuisine, Round Table Pizza and Mountain Mike's Pizza, among others.

What's the deal with the gender pay gap?



The Washington Post

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On Sept. 24, 2015, Copy Editor Sarah Yung '16 wrote an invigorating article about the gender pay gap. According to conclusive evidence from the White House's new college earnings data website College Scorecard, the gender pay gap is real. Male graduates outearn female graduates from every elite university in the United States.

Although the gender gap is present at every single top university, the divide is apparently the largest

at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where the average male graduate can expect to earn a whopping \$58,100/year more than his female counterpart. It is disheartening to see that even in this progressive day and age, females still do not earn as much as their male equals, even when they graduate from our country's most elite institutions.

According to College Scorecard, the average Pacific alumnus makes \$66,400 a year, or \$32,057 above the national salary, 10 years after graduation. To give you more context, this means the average Pacific graduate

is making more after a decade than his or her peers at University of Southern California, University of California, Berkeley and University of California, Los Angeles. This places Pacific in the No. 8 spot among California's 119 public and private nonprofit universities in terms of alumni salaries.

The data, however, is not foolproof: It does not take into account a variety of factors, such as a college's specializations, the highest-earning majors or the vocations students go into. The data also does not reflect how influential factors like a student's academic and economic background, ethnicity or family dynamics may affect the results.

The following week, on Oct. 1, 2015, Dr. James Webb, an assistant professor of accounting at Eberhardt School of Business, sent a Letter to the Editor about Yung's article. Webb believed that although discrimination may be present, before one attributes the variance in outcomes to prejudice, a thoughtful person must recognize that groups of

people differ in their cultures, interests, choices and a wide array of other factors.

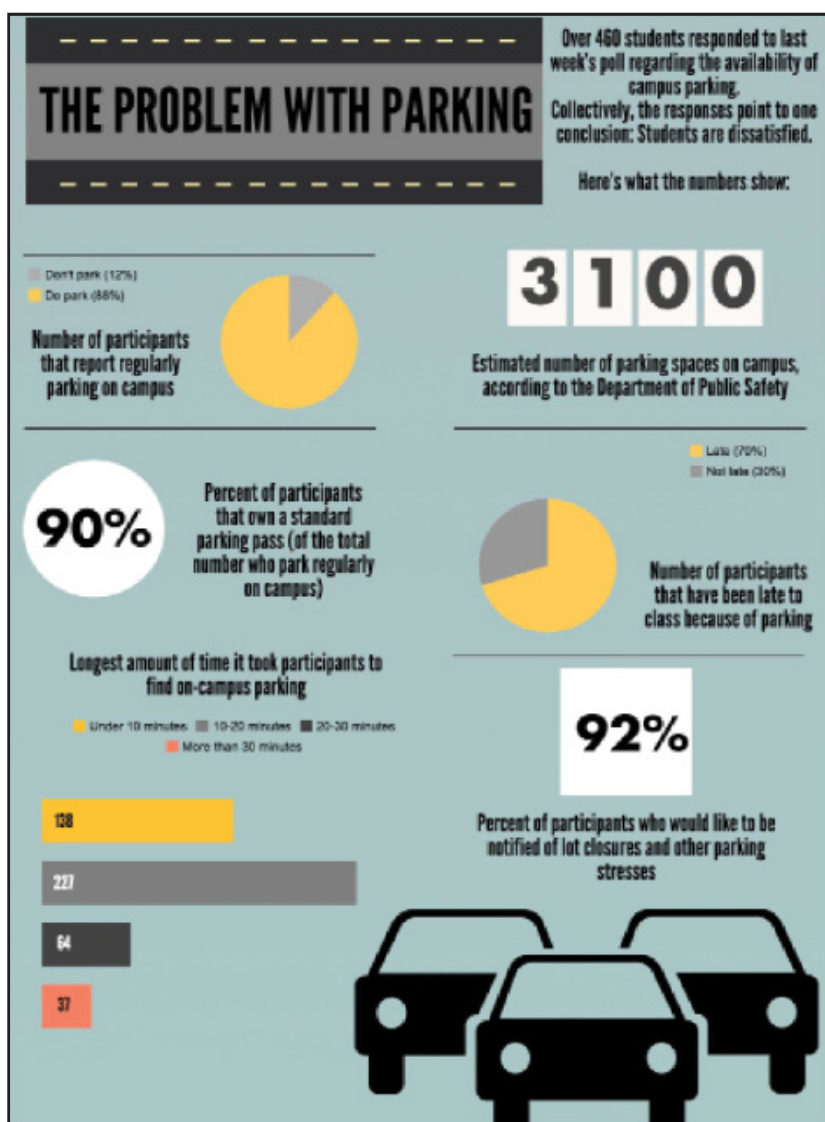
These group differences are not exclusive to contemporary America but are found in nearly all countries and have existed throughout recorded history. Webb appreciated the editors for taking an interest in economic and societal matters but was disappointed with the gender pay gap analysis. He believed that it was a superficial argument to suggest that an average compensation difference across genders was definitive evidence of a discriminatory labor force that promotes an insidious financial divide.

Webb suggested to students that no matter which group you may identify with, the best thing you can do to compete in today's economy is to develop the individual skills that employers need and are willing to pay for.

Editors responded by clarifying that Yung hoped to urge students to examine the data The White House published and enter into discussion about the conclusions one could extrapolate from the data

provided, not promote a certain political agenda.

The response established that while it is true there will always be fundamental differences between men and women, these differences, rooted in a historically and systemically patriarchal society, have yet to be equalized. The reality is, then, that men and women of different backgrounds will aspire to different vocations and will climb the rungs of society at different rates — this is not the issue. The issue Yung believes must be examined is whether society marginalizes certain voices in a way that prevents them from ever aspiring to certain positions that make more money or achieve higher workplace status. The issue at hand is, are we as a society inadvertently and yes, insidiously, promoting ideals, traditions and stereotypes that force women — and people of color, and people who have disabilities and any other marginalized people — into certain vocations and life decisions in which unequal earning potential becomes inevitable?



Emily Olsen

Pacific's problem with parking

Emily Olson
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On Sept. 17, 2015, a poll conducted by then Opinion Editor Emily Olson '15 hit the stands. Over 460 students responded to the poll regarding the availability of campus parking. Collectively, the responses pointed to one conclusion: Students were dissatisfied. When asked if the Department of Public Safety ever received student complaints about campus parking, Community Service Officer Kosta Panos replied without hesitation: "We get them daily."

According to Panos, some of the most common complaints center on the price of a parking permit (\$25, \$100 or \$200) and the limited parking options for those who have N permits (allowing one to park almost entirely on North Campus lots for the same cost of a B permit, which allows one to park on North, Central and South Campus).

There are 3,100 estimated number of parking spaces on campus, according to the Department of Public Safety, yet it took most participants (227) 10-20 minutes to find on-campus parking.

Approximately 92 percent of poll participants indicated that they would like better warning (such as an email or

access to an online events calendar) for lot closures.

Panos said these mass notifications would need to come from administrative offices better equipped to organize them, and that he has received a lot of resistance in the past. "I would love to notify students... but I've always been told that lot closures aren't equivalent to campus emergencies," he said.

But when students face parking illegally or arriving late to class — or even missing class completely because of some professors' strict tardy policies — lot closures should be treated as a serious matter. Panos shared that the Office of Communications is discussing the implementation of a notification system involving social media; The Pacifican hopes this change will be swift-coming. The parking problem has not solved itself yet, as students still scramble to find parking during big school events. Most recently, the U.S. Senate Debate was held here at University of the Pacific. Although emails were sent out well in advance, students still had difficulties attempting to get to class the day of.

Hopefully in the coming years, when the Class of 2016 comes back for their first reunion, they will have a parking structure to park in when they arrive. If that is the case, you'll be able to hear a collective sigh of relief.

A\$AP Ferg, Cash Cash perform at Spring Concert



ASuop Arts & Entertainment

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Every year, the students and faculty of ASuop put on an incredible spring concert, and this year, on April 8, was no exception. A few weeks before the event, The Lair hosted a Spring Concert release party where it was announced that hip-hop artist A\$AP Ferg would be performing at the annual event.

The Harlem native was to be joined by the electronic dance music trio Cash Cash, whose members hail from

New Jersey.

Born Darold Ferguson, Jr., 27-year-old A\$AP Ferg first rose to prominence in the rap world when he joined high school friend and fellow rapper A\$AP Rocky in becoming part of the rap collective A\$AP Mob.

He collaborated with various artists and was featured in a number of songs before signing his own record deal with RCA Records and Polo Grounds Music in 2013.

A\$AP Ferg released his debut album, "Trap Lord," in 2013 to success both commercially and among

critics. It earned him the title of "Rookie of the Year" at the 2013 BET Hip Hop Awards. He followed that up with the mixtape "Ferg Forever" the following year, which was also received well by fans and critics. Ferg will release his second studio album this year on a date that has yet to be revealed.

The other act who took the stage at this year's Spring Concert was the EDM group Cash Cash. Comprised of Samuel Frisch and brothers Alex and Jean Paul Makhoul, the trio emerged on the musical map when

they signed with Universal Republic Records in 2008. Their first album, "Take it to the Floor," was released that year to generally positive reviews. The group then toured extensively before releasing their next album in 2011, "Love or Lust." They released another album in 2012, "The Beat Goes On."

Cash Cash has put together many popular remixes over the years, including versions of Katy Perry's "Birthday," Bruno Mars's "Treasure" and Capital Cities's "Safe and Sound." They are probably most well known for their

2013 single "Take Me Home," featuring Bebe Rexha, which was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America.

As always, the event had an incredible turnout, and students danced the night away at the Stockton Arena from 8-11p.m. The exciting combination of artists also brought out many fans from around the community, who enjoyed the music alongside the students.

We can all applaud the hard work and dedication of the ASuop team for the success of the concert.

Pacific students toast "Rocky Horror Picture Show" with annual Shadow Cast performance

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The musical "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" has been shocking and entertaining audiences ever since its stage debut in 1973, and it has become a tradition of fans in cities around the world to do a shadow cast production of the film.

Every year, the Shadow Cast at Pacific puts on a performance of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" — this year, it occurred on Feb. 29 at midnight in the UC Ballroom. The show was not only a blast to watch but also completely

free for students, courtesy of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" Club on campus.

The event entailed a simultaneous performance of the film's actions and dialogue on stage, with call-and-responses and a high level of audience participation. Ideally, it feels like you become a part of the performance while you watch.

This all started in 1975 with the release of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in major movie theatres across the nation. While the film was not initially as profitable as hoped, it was rebranded a year

later as a midnight movie, and people began shouting responses to the cast's on-screen interactions.

Eventually, a set of calls and responses developed so the audience could reply to the dialogue on screen. People subsequently began to act out the on-screen activities on stage. This is how the cult following has grown so huge today: "Rocky Horror" provides a uniquely immersive, transmedia experience.

While this year marked the 41st anniversary of the movie, it was only the seventh

anniversary of the student performance at Pacific. However, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" resonates even now with this year's crop of performers.

Kylee Victoria '16 said that she finds being part of the cast of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" a great way to have fun while being weird and not having to conform to the norms of society; participating helps enable you to be comfortable in your own skin.

Bea Meluch '17 said that it made her feel empowered and free from societal

expectations. This is quite a cathartic feeling and is great for self-esteem.

Pacific's production provides a great environment for students to experience the show, whether it is their first or 50th time seeing it. Students in the audience are encouraged to dress up in fun costumes that either relate to the show or are just generally odd and shocking.

If you're looking to have a fun and crazy night, then make sure to check out next year's production— it's not just for current students; alumni and parents are welcome as well!

Award-winning magazine Calliope showcases Pacific students' art and literature pieces



Pacific Calliope

Andrew Rocha & Sarah Yung
STAFF REPORTER & COPY EDITOR

In ancient Greek mythology, Calliope was one of the nine muses, a daughter of Zeus who was an embodiment of epic poetry and the arts believed to be Homer's inspiration in "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey."

Calliope is also called on by the Roman poet Virgil in the Aeneid. Every edition of the magazine — save for the first, which featured artwork by renowned Art Nouveau painter Alphonse Mucha — features a student artist's interpretation of Calliope.

At Pacific, Calliope still lives on in the form of the University's literary and art magazine, named in the muse's honor. Pacific students who have an interest in writing and art can submit their work to Calliope for the chance to get published and for their fellow students to admire and enjoy.

For the uninitiated, a

quick rundown: Calliope has a rich and esteemed history, springing from two previous publications, The Pharos (1893-1912) and The Hieroglyph (1931-33). Between the '70s and 2000, Calliope underwent a variety of transformations until it reached its current iteration of accepting Pacific students' original literary and art works, carefully selected by a student staff for publication.

Calliope is the product of the University's Humanities Center, a collaboration between students from the English and Visual Arts Departments under the guidance of English professor Dr. Courtney Lehmann and visual arts professor Brett DeBoer.

The University's Humanities Center, as well as generous donations from both local businesses and individuals, provides the financial support necessary for Calliope to come to fruition. Creative students emailed their work to the

student editorial team, who then determined which works created by students would make it into the published issue.

From 2009-13, Calliope won five national Apex Awards for Publication Excellence, so it's quite a big deal for a student to have their work published in the magazine.

Calliope accepts work from a variety of genres and mediums, including poems, short fiction, short scholarly essays, photography, drawings, digital art and so much more.

Overall, the publication process is a careful collaboration within the Pacific community, involving works from students from a variety of majors and backgrounds.

Calliope ultimately aims to reflect the compassion and diversity of Pacific's student body and, perhaps even more aspirationally, to capture the zeitgeist of each year.

Theta Alpha Phi hosts philanthropic murder mystery

Andrew Rocha
STAFF REPORTER

On March 31, Pacific's chapter of Theta Alpha Phi, the national theatre honors fraternity, hosted a murder mystery show at the Alex & Jeri Vereschagin Alumni House to raise funds for the Broadway Cares/Equity Fight AIDS charity organization. For just a few dollars, students and other guests could partake in dinner and a show provided by TAP members.

The show, titled "Murder at Aldbury Manor," was a Clue-style game where student dinner guests could test their wits and make guesses as to who the murderer was.

During the meal, guests could engross themselves in a murder mystery involving members of the prestigious, wealthy Aldbury family, played by members of TAP.

Guests spent the rest of the night talking to the characters and listening in on conversations, all while trying to figure out the identity of the real murderer. The event

was a real treat for anyone interested in mysteries or roleplaying.

Computer science major Alex Flores '16 enjoyed the night and the performance put on by TAP actors: "I thought it was good that they engaged the audience, made an effort to communicate and gave clues throughout the night while walking around."

That was one of the many details of the night that set "Murder at Aldbury Manor" apart from other performances. This was a show guests could interact with while trying to figure out the resolution themselves.

And the characters played by TAP members were so over-the-top and loveable, from the family gardener who grows her own "herbs," to the priest who drank a little too much, to the wife who did not seem too bothered by her husband's death. Who could have imagined that the murderer was really — well, I guess you had to be there to discover that.

Business major Alessa

Brown '18 was one of the many fantastic actors who participated in TAP's murder mystery. Brown really enjoyed her character and liked that the guests also enjoyed playing a part in the show: "I think it's fun because when you watch a show you are kind of stagnant, but when you are involved, you can become your own character."

"I talked to a lot of people who pretended to be rich people like [my character], so it was really cool to see the audience be a part of the story."

The night was a unique experience, and all for a wonderful cause. Next time you see an event hosted by Theta Alpha Pi, you should definitely consider checking it out. After all, you never know what you're going to experience — from food, to fun, to... murder!

Ultimately, the event raised over \$350 for TAP's philanthropy. They look forward to hosting this event again next and raise even more!



What's On Walsall

Field hockey earns co-West Division Championship



Savannah Burns '18 races downfield with Alicia Muiños '18.

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SPORTS EDITOR

Back in the fall, the Pacific field hockey team completed a very successful 2015 campaign by raising an America East West Division Championship banner at the Spanos Center. Pacific shared the championship with Stanford, against whom they could not quite finish out during the last game of the regular season, falling 2-1 in a hard-fought match. The Tigers went 11-8 on the season, including postseason

play, which tied the 2004 and 2006 Tiger squads for the most wins in program history.

Following the conclusion of the regular season, the Tigers competed in the America East Conference Tournament. After beating New Hampshire 2-1 in the first round, the Tigers fell to No. 8 Albany in the quarterfinals. Although the Tigers were not able to bring home a conference championship, they still made the University

extremely proud by putting together the program's first winning season in a decade.

The team also received a number of honors from the America East Conference. Midfielder Savannah Burns '18 earned First Team All-Conference honors, as well the Defensive Player of the Year award. Defender Kelsey Gullledge '16, forward Alicia Muiños '18 and goalkeeper Laura Pujade '17 each made Second Team All-Conference honors. Forward Rylee Comeau '19 and midfielder Justine Van Lathem '19 both earned spots on the All-Freshman Team, and midfielder Hannah Bettencourt '16 made the All-Academic Team.

"We have had a good season, and we have laid some good blocks on which to build on," Head Coach Andy Smith told Pacific Athletic Relations following the loss to Albany. "I'd like to thank the seniors who have given everything over my first three years, and it's fitting that we have won a championship in their final year."

Men's water polo boasts six All-Americans for 2015 season

Zach Wihrow
SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 2 ranked men's water polo team finished a 23-5 season by receiving a number of honors, including a program-record six All-American selections.

Utility player Alex Obert '16 led in the honors for the Tigers, with the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches naming him a First-Team All American. Obert is also a finalist for the Peter J. Cutino Award, which is the highest individual honor in collegiate water polo.

Attacker/defender Ben Stevenson '17 earned an All-American Second Team nod, while utility player Aleksandar Petrovic '17 made Third Team. Goalkeeper Brady Moore '16 and attackers Krisztian Laczkovics '16 and Devon Thumwood '18 all received All-American Honorable Mentions.

"I am so proud of not only the six players that have deservedly been recognized



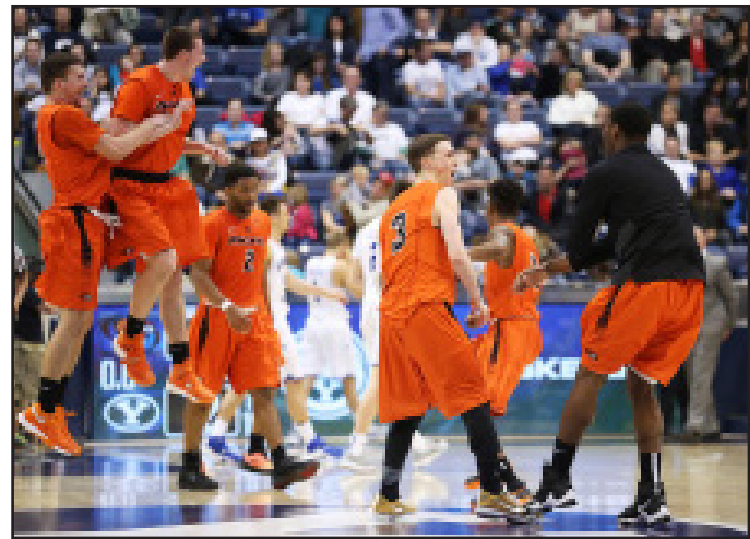
Peter J. Cutino Award finalist Alex Obert '16 takes a shot during a match against Cal.

today, but also of our entire team," Head Coach James Graham told Pacific Athletic Relations. Graham's strong leadership this past season did not go unnoticed, as he received the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Coach of the Year award for the second time in the last

three years.

"This was the most well-balanced team I've ever had, and it shows today with our most-ever number of All-America honorees, covering all aspects of the game," Graham commented.

Men's basketball pulls off huge upset



Scott G Winterton, Deseret News

Zach Withrow
SPORTS EDITOR

It is no secret that the Pacific men's basketball team had a season full of trials and tribulations. Facing self-imposed sanctions due to inquiries into NCAA violations, the Tigers were at a disadvantage from the start. Other teams might have thrown in the towel and given minimum effort, especially during the last month of the season. But what did the Tigers do on Feb. 6, playing on the road against a BYU team that had not lost a home game all year? Only pull off the biggest upset in the conference of the season.

That's right, the Pacific men's basketball team, which had a record of 7-15, entered the den of the BYU Cougars, 17-8, and emerged with a 77-72 victory. The heavily favored Cougars suffered their first home loss of the season, which also resulted in the team's 17-game win streak at the Marriott Center coming to an end.

In a game that featured 17 different lead changes throughout, the Tigers left it all on the court in front of a crowd of just over 16,000 enthusiastic Cougar fans. Pacific proved that Tiger blood runs ice cold as they made 18 of 19 free throws down the stretch to hang on for the victory.

"It couldn't have been any better, the way that game played out," Pacific Head Coach Mike Burns told his team after the win, as captured by Pacific Athletic Relations. "It was an absolute team win."

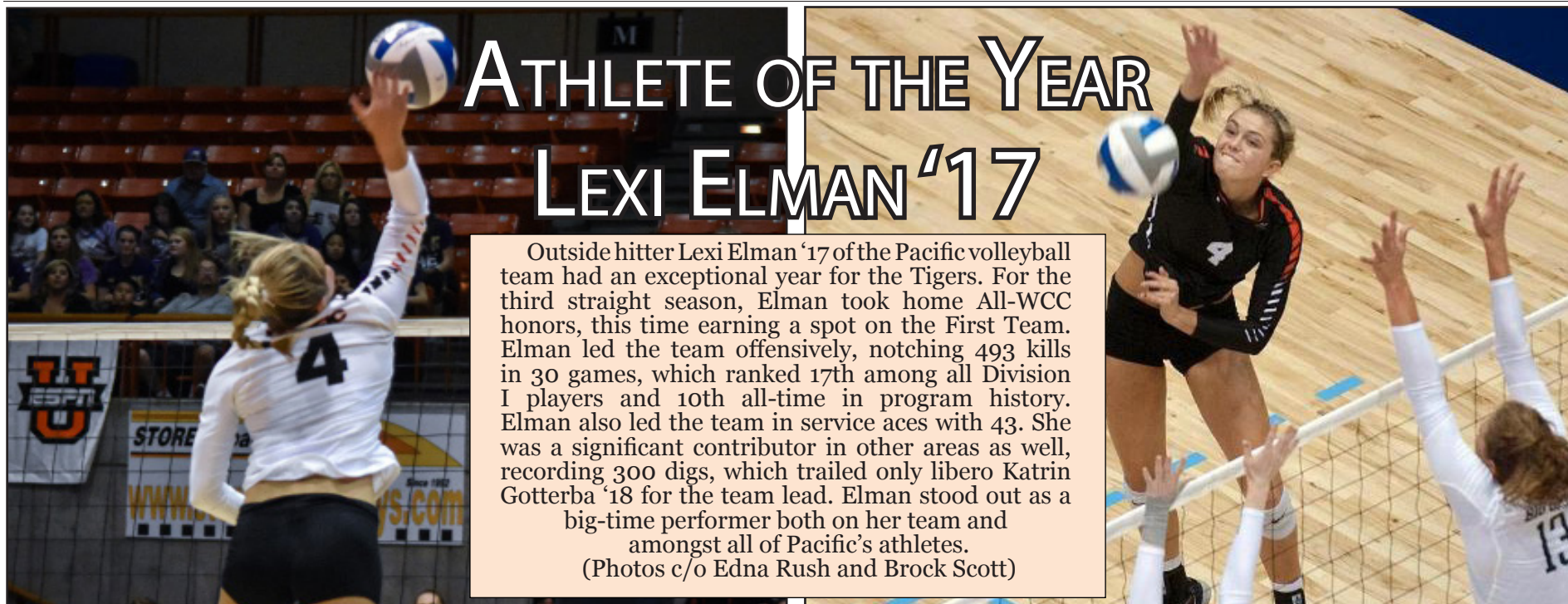
Indeed, the Tigers received valuable contributions from a

number of players. Guard Alec Kobre '16 led the team with 17 points and also brought down three rebounds. Guard T.J. Wallace '17 kept up his usual consistency, posting 15 points, six rebounds and three assists.

It was Pacific's defense, however, that really stole the show. Wallace led the team with three steals, and power forward Eric Thompson '16 let out the beast with three highlight-reel blocks, in addition to eight points and eight boards. Thompson's final block came with two minutes left in the game, as BYU's Nick Emery attempted a layup that would have cut Pacific's lead to four. Instead, Thompson chased Emery down from behind and denied the shot.

The Tigers held the Cougars to just 23 percent shooting from the field in the second half, and that lockdown defense earned them praise from the opposition. "They have really talented, individual guys that are tough matchups for us. They guarded us really well," BYU Head Coach David Rose told the media following the game.

Without any shot of competing in postseason play at that point and seemingly little motivation, the team proved that having a little Tiger pride always carries with it the potential to shock the country. Combine that pride with Head Coach Damon Stoudamire, who was recently brought in to revitalize the program, and there is no telling what this group can accomplish next year and beyond.



ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

LEXI ELMAN '17

Outside hitter Lexi Elman '17 of the Pacific volleyball team had an exceptional year for the Tigers. For the third straight season, Elman took home All-WCC honors, this time earning a spot on the First Team. Elman led the team offensively, notching 493 kills in 30 games, which ranked 17th among all Division I players and 10th all-time in program history. Elman also led the team in service aces with 43. She was a significant contributor in other areas as well, recording 300 digs, which trailed only libero Katrin Gotterba '18 for the team lead. Elman stood out as a big-time performer both on her team and amongst all of Pacific's athletes.
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Men's club volleyball captures league championship



Carl Wheeler

The Tigers capped a NCCVL championship season with an appearance at the National Championships in Louisville, Kentucky.

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At the beginning of April, the Pacific men's club volleyball team wrapped up an outstanding season with a Northern California Collegiate Volleyball League Championship title and an appearance in the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation Championships. After entering the season unranked in January, the Tigers fought their way to a 22-11 record, including a second straight season of undefeated play at home, and

finished the year ranked No. 19 nationwide in Division II. The team was ranked as high as No. 14 during the regular season and entered the national tournament at No. 9.

"This team is by far the best and my favorite team that I have played on," said right side hitter and Club President Carl Wheeler. "Every game, we proved our heart in the face of adversity and our care for each other on the court."

On April 2, the men confirmed that their dominance during the regular season was no fluke, as they

defeated quarterfinal winner UC Davis three sets to one in the NCCVL semifinals: 25-21, 25-20, 26-28, 27-25. The following day, the Tigers willed their way to victory in the championship match over rival Humboldt State, 3-2.

The victory did not come easy, as Pacific found themselves down 0-2 after initially possessing leads in the first two sets, falling 21-25 and 23-25, respectively. Pacific did not panic, though, and returned in the third set ready to mount a comeback. Outside hitter Joe Herbert '17,

who was later named League MVP, helped lead the effort in the first of three must-win sets, as did outside hitter Micah Goshi '17, who received All-Conference Second Team honors. After taking that set 25-18, the Tigers looked even stronger in the fourth, evening the score with a 25-16 win.

In accordance with indoor volleyball rules, the fifth and final set was played to 15, and the Tigers completed their tremendous comeback with a 15-8 victory to take the NCCVL Championship.

All-Conference Second Team libero Jason Wu '18 played a big role in securing the victory, leaving it all out on the court as he made some excellent plays late in the set.

"This match told the story of our season," said Wheeler, who also received All-Conference Second Team honors. "We knew if they had the will, they could take it from us, so after the first two sets, we knew that we had to earn what we deserved, and we delivered."

After the Tigers won their division, they headed to Louisville, Kentucky to compete in the NCVFC. Unfortunately, Pacific was knocked out of the gold bracket and later the silver final four bracket, but they did not walk away discouraged, as they went 4-4 overall at Nationals. And while some standout players, such as All-Conference First Team middle blocker Byrne Belden '16, will be graduating this year, the Tigers will have plenty of talented and driven individuals who are determined to take home a National Championship next year.

For now, though, the Tigers will celebrate their NCCVL Championship, which they dedicated to player-coach Justin Gibbs '16. Gibbs suffered an injury early in the year and took on the role of coaching the Tigers from the sideline. The men credit Gibbs with helping build the team into the powerhouse it was this season and, with the hard work and dedication displayed this year, it will surely continue to be. Congrats, Tigers!

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